

Legislative Talking Points: What's Going on in Arizona

- As of May 31, 2010, approximately 500 individuals no longer receive Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD) services funded solely by the State General Fund. Persons participating in Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)/Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS), residential services or residing in group homes were not impacted.
- Rehabilitation Services Administration (DES/RSA) has a lengthy waiting list for new client applicants due to reduced funding.
- Effective October 1, 2010 the following AHCCCS/ALTCS benefits for adult participants will be eliminated:
 - Most dental care
 - Services provided by a Podiatrist
 - Insulin Pumps
 - Percussive Vests
 - Bone-Anchored Hearing Aids
 - Cochlear Implants
 - Orthotics
 - Specified Transplants
 - Per HB 2010: Pancreas only, Pancreas after Kidney, Lung, Unrelated allogenic hematopoietic cell, Heart for non-ischemic Cardiomyopathy, Liver for Diagnosis of Hepatitis C Transplants
 - Well Exams
 - Visits to the doctor when there is no specific complaint and not being treated for any symptoms
 - Non Emergency Medical Transportation for limited populations
 - Per HB 2010, limited to specific populations in Pima and Maricopa Counties. Implementation is subject to prior approval by CMS
 - Microprocessor-controlled: lower limbs and joints for the lower limbs
- Effective October 1, 2010 the following AHCCCS/ALTCS benefits for adult participants will be limited:
- Outpatient Physical Therapy Limit of 15 visits per contract year
- Lowered AHCCCS reimbursement rates are resulting in fewer physicians and dentists willing to participate in the AHCCCS program, contributing to greater difficulties for persons with developmental disabilities to obtain needed care. The issue is compounded by the limited number of medical and dental providers formally training in address the needs of persons with developmental disabilities.
- Depending on income, families with children receiving early intervention services through the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) or DDD may be required to contribute to the cost of services. Fees will only be charged for services provided under the Individualized

Family Service Plan (IFSP), will not be charged for any part of the eligibility determination process, and will not exceed the actual cost of services after insurance claims have been made. This will begin May 1, 2010 at the earliest.

- More information of Family Cost Participation can be found at:
<https://www.azdes.gov/main.aspx?menu=98&id=5420>
- State funding has been suspended for all Children's Rehabilitative Services (CSR) participants who are not enrolled in AHCCCS. This change does not affect CSR participants enrolled in AHCCCS.